

UNITED STATES OFFICE OF
GOVERNMENT ETHICS

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Austin Evers

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Tracking No: OGE FOIA FY 17/424

Dear Mr. Evers:

The U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) has searched and has not located any records responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which was received by the OGE FOIA Office on July 24, 2017. In your request, you asked for “1. All guidance regarding using properties owned by the Trump Organization for government-sponsored conferences or meetings. 2. All emails with individual agencies regarding using properties owned by the Trump Organization for government-sponsored conferences or meetings. 3. All guidance regarding attending conferences or meetings at properties owned by the Trump Organization. 4. All emails with individual agencies regarding attending conferences or meetings at properties owned by the Trump Organization. 5. All guidance regarding reimbursement or payment for overnight stays at properties owned by the Trump Organization. 6. All emails with individual agencies regarding reimbursement or payment for overnight stays at properties owned by the Trump Organization. 7. All emails regarding federal employees’ stays at the Trump International Hotel Washington, DC, including (1) the overnight stays of Gary Cohn, Director of the National Economic Council, Linda McMahon, Administrator of the Small Business Administration, and Steve Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury; (2) the wedding of Omarosa Manigault, Assistant to the President and Director of Communications for the White House Office of Public Liaison; and (3) the hotel block for the wedding of Mr. Mnuchin.”

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact me at 202-482-9267. As OGE’s FOIA Public Liaison, I am available for assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency and understanding of the status of requests, and assisting in the resolution of disputes. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

The OGE official responsible for this FOIA determination is the undersigned. In accordance with the FOIA, as codified at 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A), and OGE's updated FOIA regulations, at 5 C.F.R. § 2604.304, you may administratively appeal to the Program Counsel, U.S. Office of Government Ethics, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005-3917. Any such appeal must be in writing and must be sent within 90 days of the date you receive this response letter. If you do appeal, you should include copies of your request and this response, together with a statement of why you believe this initial determination is in error. Also, if you appeal, you should clearly indicate on the envelope and in the letter that it is a "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

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